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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
No. 564***

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 564

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR WILLIAM C. "SON" RHODES OF VANCLEAVE, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS PASSING.

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a wonderful friend, colleague and gentleman with the death of former State Senator William C. "Son" Rhodes (84) on August 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rhodes of Vancleave was born on February 1, 1931, in Moss Point to H.M. and Hazel Rhodes. He was a lifelong resident of Jackson County and served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Rhodes served and was a respected member of the State Senate from 1972 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Moss Point High School and The University of Southern Mississippi. He taught school and coached football at East Central High School. Rhodes was a member of the Dantzler Memorial United Methodist Church, a member of the Young Men's Business Club of Moss Point, the American Legion Post 160,

VFW Post #3373, BPOE Elks Lodge #1120, as well as other clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, while in the Senate, Rhodes served as Chairman of the Oil and Gas and the Marine Conservation Committees and was active in Public Health and Mississippi Gulf Coast issues. He was known for his quick wit, generosity and his friendly personality; and

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents, H.M. and Hazel Rhodes; brother, H.M. "Bubba" Rhodes, Jr.; sisters: Carolyn Rhodes, Hazel Henley and Katherine Rhodes Shields; and niece, Pam Shields. He is survived by his son, Landon Rhodes of Vancleave; former wife, Mary Rhodes of Vancleave; and sisters, Dorothy Kite of Vancleave and Elaine Johnson of Pascagoula. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends; and

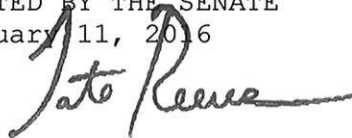
WHEREAS, William "Son" Rhodes was one of the most respected members of the Mississippi State Senate. He excelled in a variety of major responsibilities and served the Senate, his constituents, colleagues and the State of Mississippi exceptionally well. Son's public service was exemplified by fairness and sound judgment, and he set the highest standard as a leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life and legacy of

public service of former Senator William C. "Son" Rhodes, and express to his family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing and our thanks for sharing Son with us and with the State of Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the family of former Senator William "Son" Rhodes and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
February 11, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 16, 2016

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES